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1. FOLLOWING ARE ICEM SPECIAL PROGRAMS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1978 NOT FUNDED UNDER REGULAR OPERATIONAL BUDGET.

A. EUROPEANS FROM CHINA. PROGRAM REFERS TO REFUGEES OF EUROPEAN ORIGIN WHO SOUGHT ASYLUM IN CHINA - MAINLY WHITE RUSSIANS - OF WHOM 21,772 PERSONS MOVED SINCE 1952 LEAVING A RESIDUAL CASE LOAD OF SOME 700. IN 1977 TOTAL COST DOL 163,413 FOR MOVEMENTS AT COST DOL 176,800 WHICH LATTER AMOUNT WILL BE COVERED FROM SPECIAL GOVERNMENT CONTRIBUTIONS AND REPAYMENTS OF REFUGEES. THE PROGRAM IS HANDLED BY THE ICEM OFFICE IN HONGKONG WHERE THE PEOPLE ARRIVE IN TRANSIT FROM CHINA AND THE MAJORITY ARE RESETTLED TO AUSTRALIA.

B. INDO-CHINESE REFUGEES. IN 1977 ICEM ARRANGED THE MOVEMENT OF A TOTAL OF 17,817 REFUGEES FROM THE INDO-CHINA AREA AT A TOTAL COST OF DOL 6,356,912 AND IN 1978 ANTICIPATES A MOVEMENT OF 25,000 AT A COST OF DOL 9,395,300. THE PRINCIPAL COUNTRIES OF RESETTLEMENT ARE FRANCE, CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES.

C. OTHER NON-EUROPEANS. IN 1977 THERE WERE 1,894 PERSONS MOVED UNDER THIS PROGRAM AT A COST OF DOL 785,941 WHILE IN 1978 THERE ARE 1,950 PERSONS EXPECTED TO BE MOVED AT A
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COST OF DOL 873,700. TRANSPORTATION COSTS ARE MAINLY PREPAID TO ICEM BY SPONSORS OR THE INDIVIDUALS WHO BENEFIT FROM ICEM'S CHEAPER TRANSPORT FACILITIES BUT A SMALL NUMBER (SOME 600 ESTIMATED FOR 1978) RECEIVE LOANS UNDER THE LOAN FUND FOR REFUGEES OUTSIDE EUROPE (ILFROE). THE MAJORITY OF THE PERSONS ASSISTED ARE CHINESE REFUGEES FROM HONG KONG ACCEPTED UNDER CONDITIONAL ENTRY FOR THE

USA, ALTHOUGH THERE ARE CASES FROM AMONG THE RELIGIOUS MINORITY GROUPS IN BURMA AND ALL OF THESE (SOME 400 IN 1978) WILL REQUIRE ILFROE LOANS.

D. REFUGEES FROM CHILE. UNDER THIS PROGRAM 2,454 PERSONS WERE RESETTLED BY ICEM DIRECTLY FROM CHILE IN 1977 AT A TOTAL COST OF DOL 1,293,259 AND IN 1978 PRESENT ESTIMATES CALL FOR THE MOVEMENT OF 1,700 PERSONS AT A COST OF DOL 1,042,900. HOWEVER, THIS IS PRESENTLY UNDER REVIEW BECAUSE OF RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN CHILE.

E. REFUGEES FROM OTHER LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES. IN 1977 MOVEMENTS OF CHILEAN, URUGUAYAN, PARAGUAYAN, ETC. REFUGEES FROM OTHER COUNTRIES OF LATIN AMERICA REACHED 2,151 AT A COST OF DOL 882,954 AND IN 1978 SUCH MOVEMENTS ARE PROJECTED TO BE 2,300 AT A COST OF DOL 1,072,250.

2. THE NATIONAL LANGUAGE TRAINING PROGRAM FOR AUSTRALIA HAS BEEN FINANCED UNDER THE NORMAL BUDGET WITH AUSTRALIA COVERING ITS COSTS EVEN AFTER ITS WITHDRAWAL. HOWEVER, IT IS NOW ANTICIPATED TO BE CLOSED OUT AS OF 30 JUNE 1978 AND COSTS INVOLVED IN PHASING THIS PROGRAM OUT ARE NOW BEING REVIEWED. VANDEN HEUVEL

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